

State Initiatives Selected

FY22 Local Work Group Considerations

<u>Initiatives</u>	<u>Responses</u>
Statewide Range and Pasture Pool	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Would like state to fund Statewide Range and Pasture resource concerns again. Funding at LWG level, without CIN hold downs, generally not adequate to fund additional landuse RC's.
Not Specified	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The North Central team wishes to participate in all state initiatives available to us. Of utmost importance to this team are the Sage Grouse Initiative, Organic programs, National Air quality initiative in both orchards and dryland crop settings, Beginning and SD farmer and rancher pools, Energy Initiative, high tunnel initiative and disaster pools (they strike us often!). Each of the statewide fund pools are also of importance to our team and we wish to participate in.
sage grouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• to increase ranching sustainability by maintaining and improving quality shrub steppe habitat for sage-obligate species, namely sage grouse
Statewide Disaster	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recovery from wildfires
High Tunnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• help small and urban farmers increase their production and maintain ag viability
Orca Recovery/Salmon Recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not Specified
RCPP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yakima Basin - need to bring funds here to address water quality and habitat concerns. In concert with Yakima Basin Integrated Plan concepts. Wildlife acres will differ from crop acres. Wildlife could be 1-10 acres. Crop would be more like 40 acres. Treatment acres estimated for crop only. Success of a wildlife program would be dependent on partnership collaboration, in particular YN and local CDs.
Wildfire - Rangeland Rest & Deferred Grazing, Rangeland Health structural practices, Forestry Health after burn, Tribal Range & Forest Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wildland Urban Interface - already collaborating with partners on this. Community Wildfire Protections Plans. Firewise, DNR. Need to have this option when unpredicted wildfires burn on natural range land. Estimated treatment areas will greatly depend on the size of the fire, so this is a very "ballpark" number.
Sentinel Lands (with DOD Lands)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Partner with the Yakima Training Center on any projects with surrounding landowners to preserve ag or rangelands in the area and improve wildlife habitat.
PSHIP (Salmon Recovery)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yakima Basin - need to bring funds here to address water quality and habitat concerns. In concert with Yakima Basin Integrated Plan concepts. Success of a wildlife program would be dependent on partnership collaboration, in particular YN and local CDs. Mid-Columbia: Rock Creek and Toppenish Creek high priority